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GRAMEEN BHANDARAN YOJANA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of rural godowns constructed so far under `Grameen Bhandaran Yojana`, State-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to prevent distress sale of produce by farmers immediately after harvest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Grameen Bhandaran Yojana, a Central Sector Scheme of Capital Investment Subsidy forconstruction/renovation/expansion of Rural Godowns is being implemented through NationalBank of Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) and National Cooperative Development corporation (NCDC).

Under the Yojana, NABARD has sanctioned 995 projects with a total capacity of 59.29lakh tonnes and NCDC has sanctioned 1575 projects with a capacity of 7.42 lakh tonnes as on 31.3.2003. A statement indicating the details of the godowns constructed under the Grameen Bhandaran Yojana is enclosed (Annexure).

(b): Rural Godowns constructed under the Yojana will provide the farming community with the facility for scientific storage and enable it to avail pledge loan to meet its credit requirement without being compelled to sell the produce at a time when price are low.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has issued revised guidelines to commercial banks andRegional Rural Banks wherein the maximum amount of pledge loan has been increased from Rs.1 Lakh to 5 Lakh and the period of repayment has been increased from 6 months to 12 months and pledge loan can be availed up 75% of the value of the actual produce pledge subject to a ceiling of Rs. 5 Lakh per borrower.

Similarly, NABARDhas also liberalized on the same lines the norms for extending refinance under the pledge scheme to the State Cooperative Banks as well as Regional Rural Banks.

Annexure-1

STATEMENT SHOWING PROGRESS OF RURAL GODOWN SCHEME (Position as on 31/3/2003)

S. No.	State	Sanctioned by NABARD		Sanctioned by NCDC		Total	
		No.of projects	Capacity in tonnes	No.of projects	Capacity in tonnes	No.of projects	Capacity in tonnes
1.	Andhra Pradesh	252	1315000	58	5050	340	1320050
2.	Assam	2	10339	0	0	2	10339
3.	Arunachal Pr	0	0	14	3800	14	3800
4.	Bihar	0	0	285	28500	285	28500
5.	Chhatisgarh	9	36793	110	359800	119	396593
6.	Gujarat	97	89514	0	0	97	89514
7	Haryana	78	1110439	139	13900	217	1124339

8. Himachal Pr 0 0 40 2800 40 2800

9. Jharkhand 0 0 49 4900 49 4900
10. Karnataka 260 173625 26 4850 286 178475
11. Kerala 1 540 160 21850 161 22390
12. Madhya Pradesh 22 24899 191 179950 213 204849
13. Maharashtra 32 71199 6 61000 38 132199
14. Manipur 0 0 9 900 9 900
15. Meghalaya 0 0 19 1700 19 1700
16. Nagaland 0 0 65 3250 65 3250
17. Orissa 24 186284 2 200 26 186484
18. Punjab 192 2463670 0 0 192 2463670
19. Rajasthan 0 0 22 1850 22 1850
20. Tamilnadu 3 6025 103 10300 106 16325
21. Uttar Pradesh 22 436681 31 3100 53 439781
22. Uttaranchal 0 0 39 12900 39 12900
23. West Bengal 1 4125 207 21000 208 25125

Total 995 5929133 1575 741600 2570 6670733